

proved methods and tools for farming; meteorologists who chart climatic conditions and weather patterns; and the manufacturers and suppliers of equipment, seeds, and fertilizers. The miracle of American farming is also made possible by those who transport and process raw agricultural goods; by government inspectors who help ensure their quality; and by wholesalers who distribute and retailers who sell finished farm products to consumers. The concerted efforts of all of these Americans have enabled the United States to make the most of its God-given resources.

Today America's farms and cities are linked more closely than ever before, as more and more farmers supply not only food but also raw materials for industrial use. Advances in science and technology have enabled manufacturers to convert agricultural commodities into biodegradable plastics, alternative fuels, and fuel additives, as well as printing ink and newsprint. Industrial use of farm products is creating new opportunities for American agriculture to diversify and to enhance its productivity while boosting its competitive position in world commerce.

American agriculture has long been a source of strength and pride for the United States, and we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all those who help bring forth food and fiber from the rich, fertile land with which we have been blessed. Thus, it is fitting that our celebration of National Farm-City Week take place during the 7-day period that ends on Thanksgiving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of November 22 through November 28, 1991, as National Farm-City Week. I encourage all Americans, in rural and urban communities alike, to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our farmers and all those hard-working individuals who cooperate in producing the abundance of agricultural goods that strengthen and enrich the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

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National Family Week, 1991 and 1992

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

When we count our blessings, most of us note with special gratitude the love and the support of our families. Thus, it is fitting that our celebration of National Family Week coincide with our traditional observance of Thanksgiving.

Family love brings light and warmth to our homes; it gives us strength when times are tough; and it makes good times even better by enabling

us to share our joys with others. Through our experience as part of a family, we gain a sense of identity and purpose. Indeed, when we recall the generations who have gone before us, we are reminded of our personal links to the past and of our own place in history. When we think about generations to come, we are reminded of our obligation to help make this a better world.

Our ability to help make this a better world depends, in large part, on the kind of environment we create in our homes. Because a child's family life has such a powerful influence on the development of his or her personality and character, and because the family provides a model after which all other human relationships are fashioned, those of us who are parents and grandparents must ensure that the examples we set are positive ones. The daily course of our family lives should offer younger generations clear lessons about faith and duty, personal responsibility, and respect and concern for others.

By definition, a family is a group of individuals who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption and who are united by their love and their lifelong commitment to one another. The family is the basic unit of society, and its well-being is vital to the success of our communities and Nation. In recent years, however, problems such as crime, drug abuse, child abuse, and teenage pregnancy have signalled a breakdown in traditional family life and values. While parents have primary responsibility for the well-being of their children, and while no arm of the state can replicate the divinely ordained embrace of the family, government can and should help preserve and support this institution and do nothing to harm it. America's future depends on it.

This week, as we acknowledge the blessings of family life and the importance of stable, loving families to the life of our Nation, let us reaffirm our commitment to policies and programs that affirm the rights of parents and protect the interests of children. Let us also resolve to ensure that our own families are communities in which each member is respected and cherished.

The Congress, by Public Law 102-112, has designated the weeks beginning November 24, 1991, and November 22, 1992, as "National Family Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of November 24 through November 30, 1991, and the week of November 22 through November 28, 1992, as National Family Week. I call upon all Americans to observe these weeks with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH